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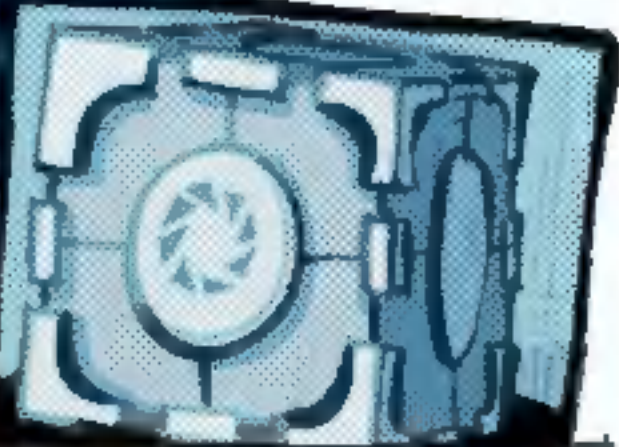


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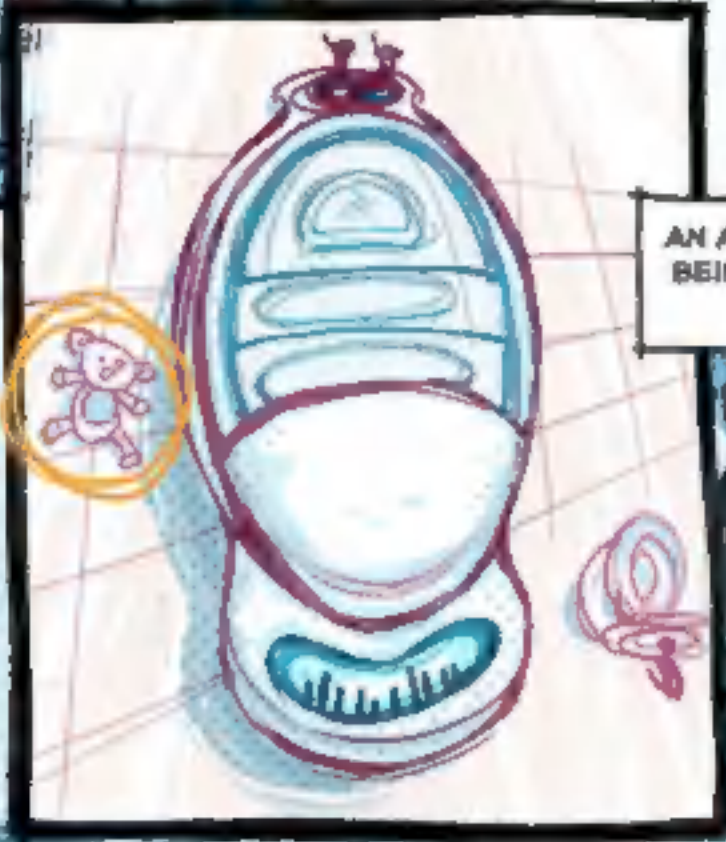
REALITY IS A STORY THE
MIND TELLS ITSELF.



AN ARTIFICIAL STRUCTURE CONJURED INTO
BEING BY THE CALCIUM ION EXCHANGE OF
A MILLION SYNAPTIC FIRINGS.



A TRUTH SO STRANGE IT CAN
ONLY BE LIED INTO EXISTENCE.



AND OUR MINDS CAN LIE.
NEVER DOUBT IT...

HEAR THE TURRET
FOR IT IS KNELL

SUMMONS ~~TO~~ TO HEAVEN
OR TO HELL

TENACITY

BELL

WHAT'S THIS? REAL, OR
JUST MY LYING MIND AGAIN?

CAN SHE TRULY BE AWAKE
AFTER ALL THIS TIME?

NO, JUST A FIGMENT.
IF SHE WERE REAL,
THE TURRETS WOULD
SEE HER, TOO.

TARGET ACQUIRED.

THUDDA
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THE END IS
FINALLY UPON
US.

DON'T
even
FEELS LIKE A TRIAL
TRY



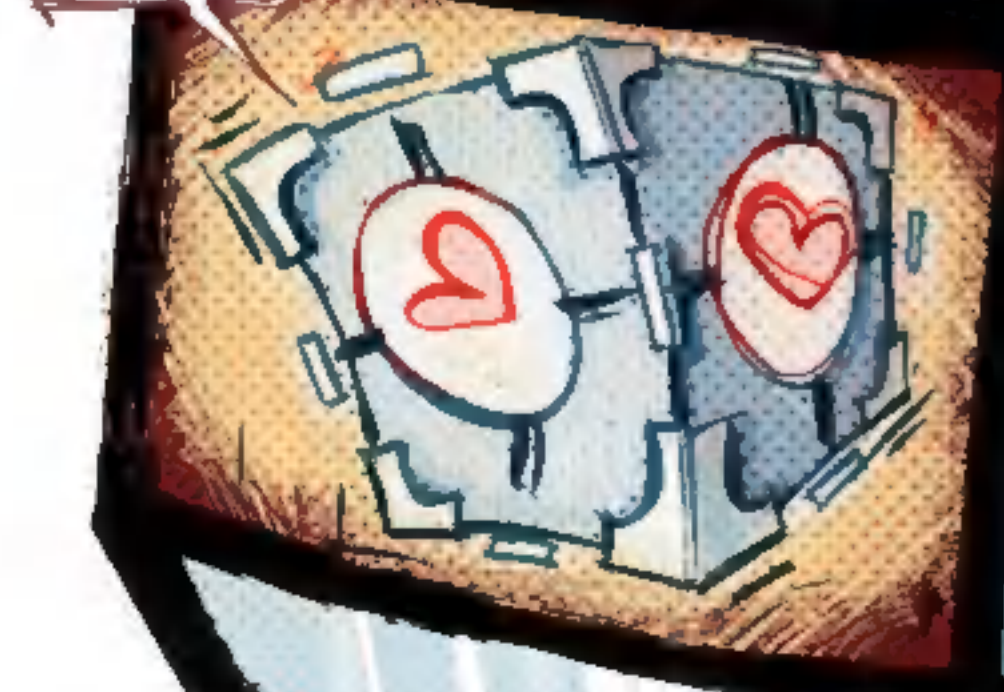
I HAVE TO. PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND.






THE CUBE ROOT OF TWO X IS IRRATIONAL IF X IS IRRATIONAL.

GENIUS!





THERE ARE MOMENTS WHEN I CAN
ALMOST SEE THE UNDERLYING
GRAMMAR OF THIS PLACE.

AN IMPOSSIBILITY, SOME MAD
ARCHITECT'S OPUS— A RELIC FROM AN
AGE THAT NEVER COULD HAVE BEEN.

IT'S A METASTASIZED AMALGAM OF
ADD-ONS, ADDITIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.
BUILDING ITSELF OUT OF ITSELF.

BEAUTIFUL AND TERRIBLE—

AND LIKE ANYTHING CLONED FROM A
CANCER CELL, PROBABLY IMMORTAL.

REQUIRED

SAFETY GOGGLES + STEEL-TOE BOOTS

APERTURE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR
EYE OR TOE DAMAGE

STAY TO THE RIGHT!
TURRETS AHEAD ON
YOUR LEFT.

WHATEVER YOU SAY.



ANOTHER MURAL
TO MARK THE OCCASION.



WHERE IS THE GIRL NOW?

ON HER WAY INTO THE
FINAL CHAMBER.

YOU MEAN WITH... HER?

PERSONNEL



ONLY ONE THING IT
CAN MEAN.



SHE DID IT.

IT'S OVER.

THE ULTIMATE
SYSTEMS CRASH.



IT'S BEEN A HELL OF
A [REDACTED] YOU
[REDACTED] ALL THE FUN.

WE HAD TO HIT
[REDACTED] KILL
SWITCH AGAIN.

HENRY, YOU HAVE
A STRANGE IDEA
OF FUN.

Release of
[REDACTED] dial
[REDACTED] 209

HEY, WE'RE LUCKY TO
BE WORKING ON THIS.

YOU'VE GOT A
STRANGE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LUCK, TOO.

THINK ABOUT IT. EVERY
GENERATION GETS SOME
[REDACTED] TACKLE.
[REDACTED] GOT RELATIVITY.
THE [REDACTED] COWBOYS [REDACTED]
THE [REDACTED]. ALL THE EASY
STUFF [REDACTED] TAKEN.

I MEAN TAKE A LOOK
[REDACTED] YOU, [REDACTED] ON THE
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] HERE.
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
IS THE NEXT FRONTIER.

BUT EVERY TIME WE [REDACTED] IT ON,
IT [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] IT
TRIES TO KILL US.


LAST TIME WAS A TENTH [REDACTED] A
PICOSECOND. SEE, WE'RE
MAKING PROGRESS.

I'M TELLING YOU, [REDACTED]
IS [REDACTED] GENERATION'S
MOON SHOT.

CAVE JOHNSON [REDACTED] YOU
[REDACTED] BOYS QUIT YOUR [REDACTED]
AND GET BACK TO WORK.

THIS HAS BEEN A PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE.

I'D RATHER [REDACTED] GONE
TO THE MOON.



WHERE'S THE GIRL?
SHE DIDN'T STAY TO
CHECK OUT HER
HANDIWORK?

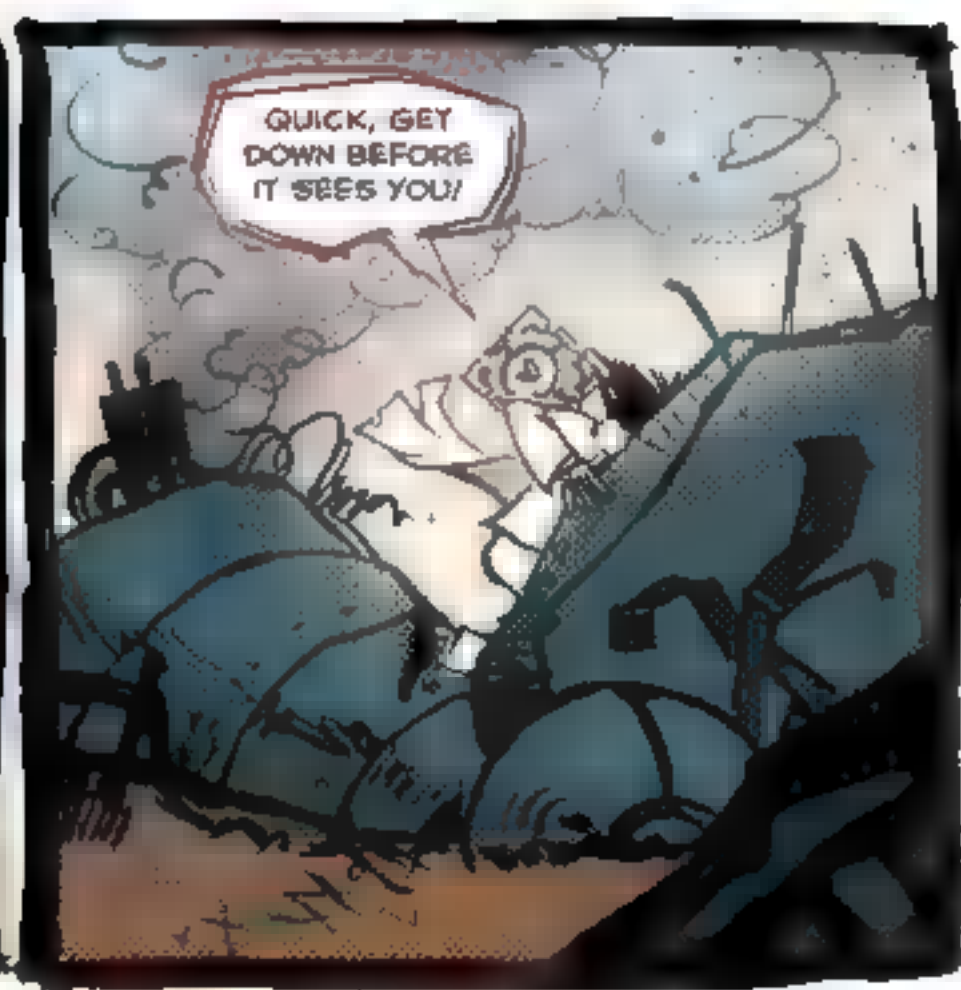
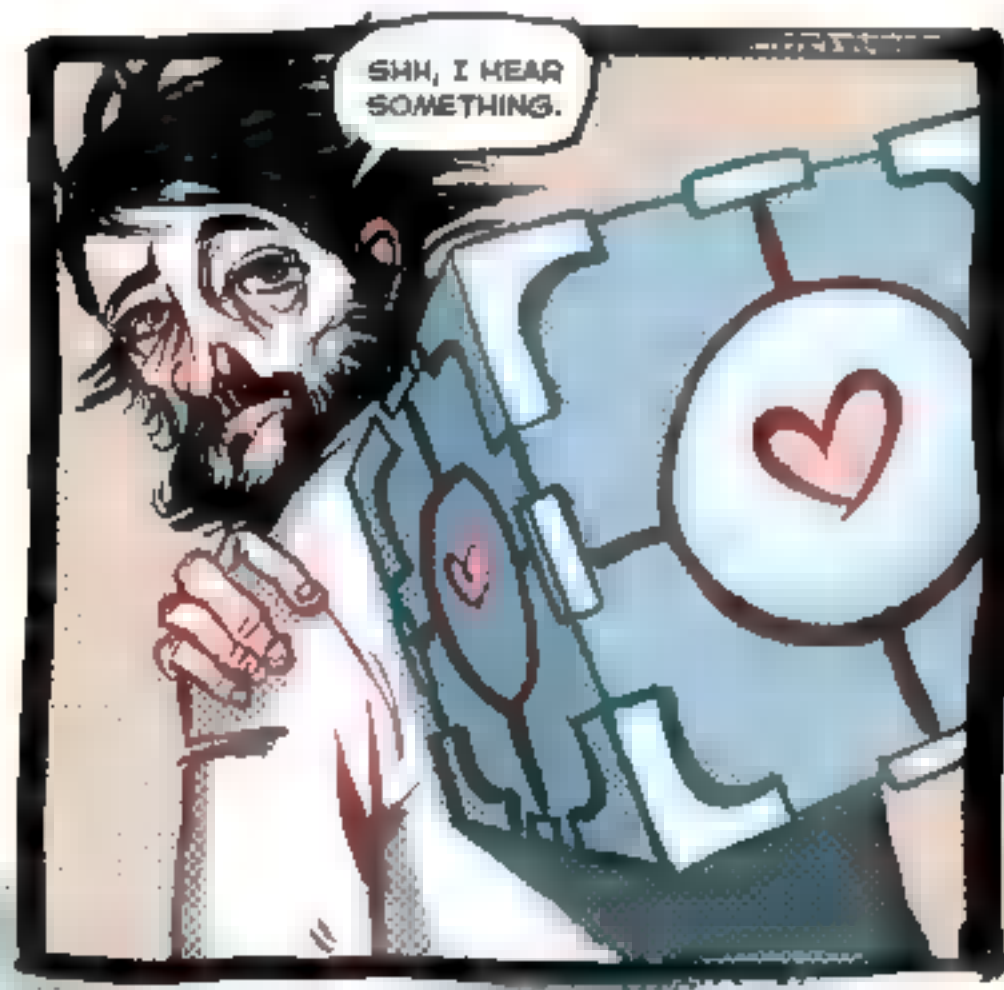
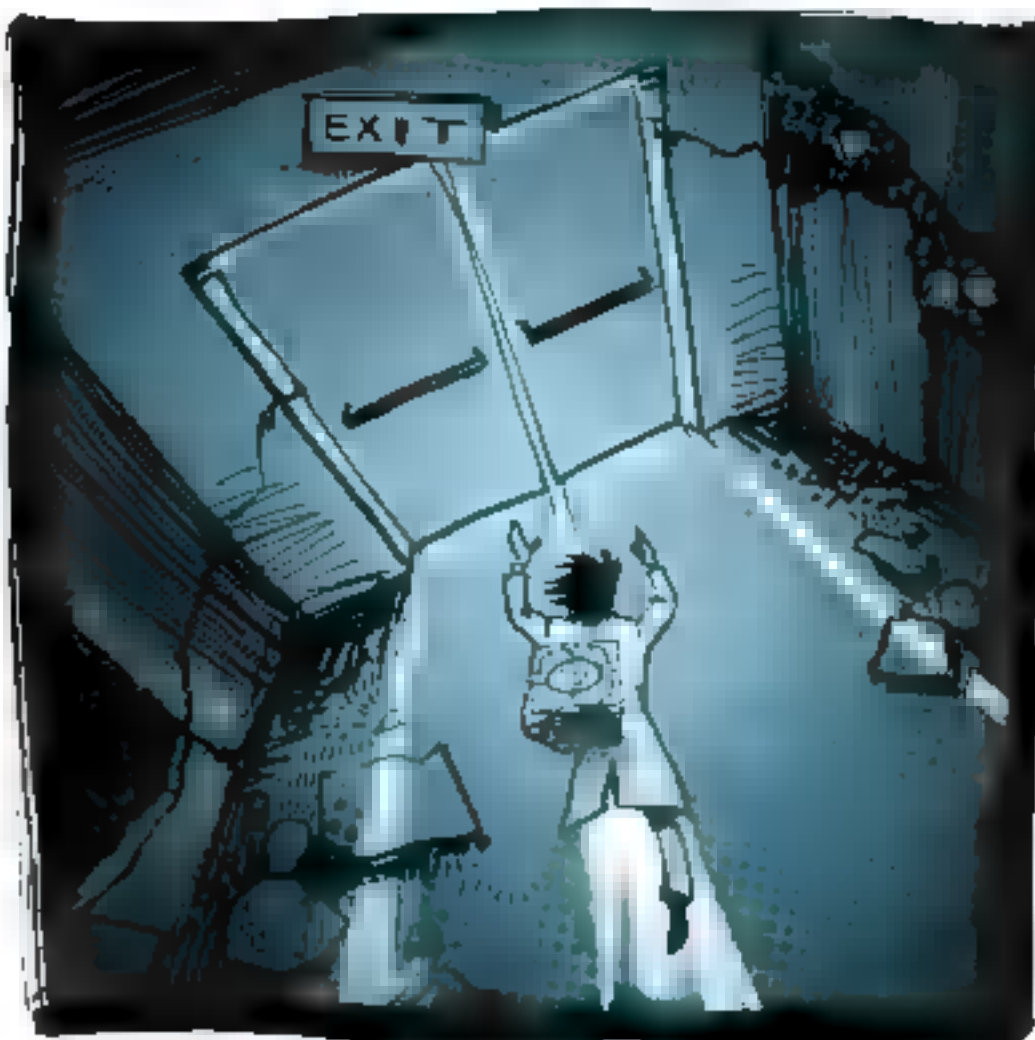
SHE MUST HAVE GOTTEN
OUT. PROBABLY ON THE
SURFACE, SOAKING UP
SOME SUN.

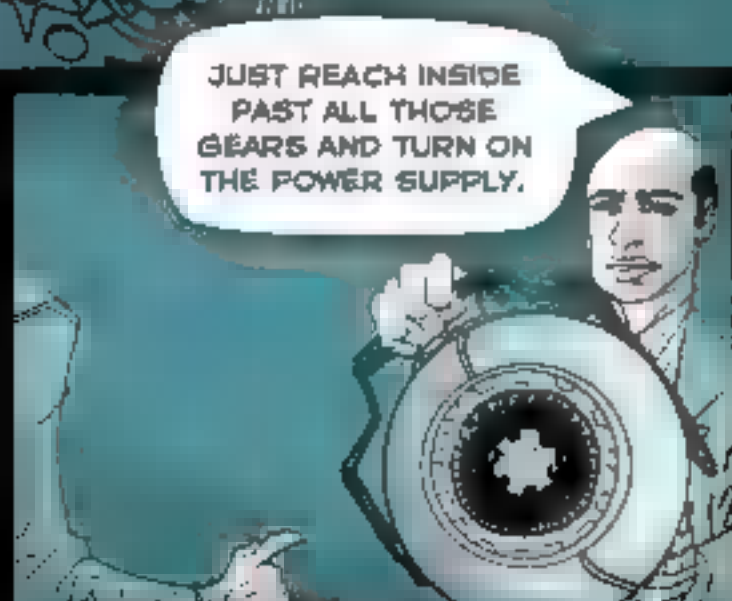
I'M SURE
YOU'RE RIGHT.

WHAT IS ■■■
"SUN" OF WHICH
YOU SPEAK?

AND SHE HAS THE RIGHT
IDEA. COME ON, WE'RE
WASTING DAYLIGHT.

WATCH OUT FOR THE
TURRETS. THE QUEEN
MAY BE DEAD, BUT THIS
HORNET'S NEST HAS
BEEN KICKED.







YOU CAN THINK OF IT AS A CONSCIENCE.

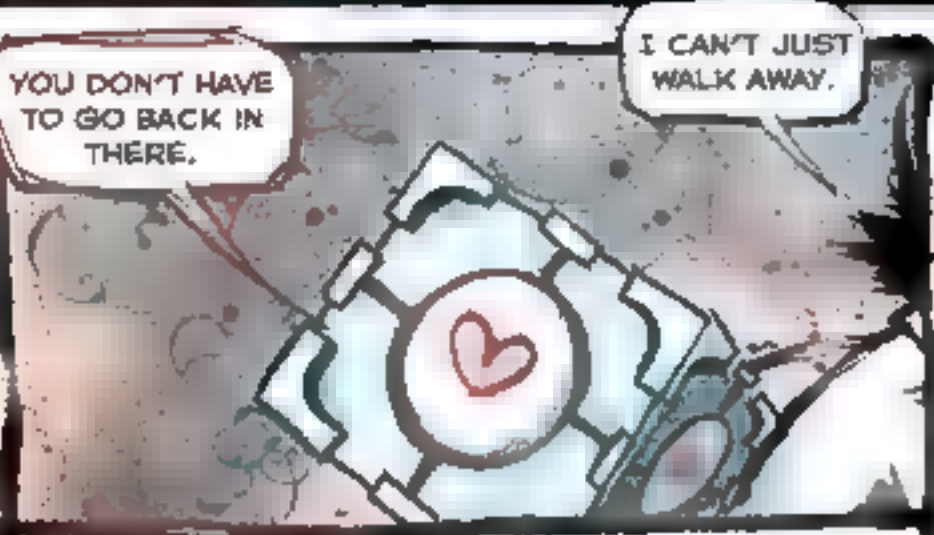
IF THAT'S ALL [REDACTED] USE TO CONTROL HER, IT WON'T [REDACTED] ENOUGH.



WHY'S THAT?



YOU [REDACTED] ALWAYS IGNORE YOUR CONSCIENCE.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO BACK IN THERE.

I CAN'T JUST WALK AWAY.



YOU'RE RIGHT. WALKING IS TOO SLOW. RUN AWAY.

RUNNING [REDACTED] WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING. [REDACTED] AND HIDING.



IT'S WHY YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.

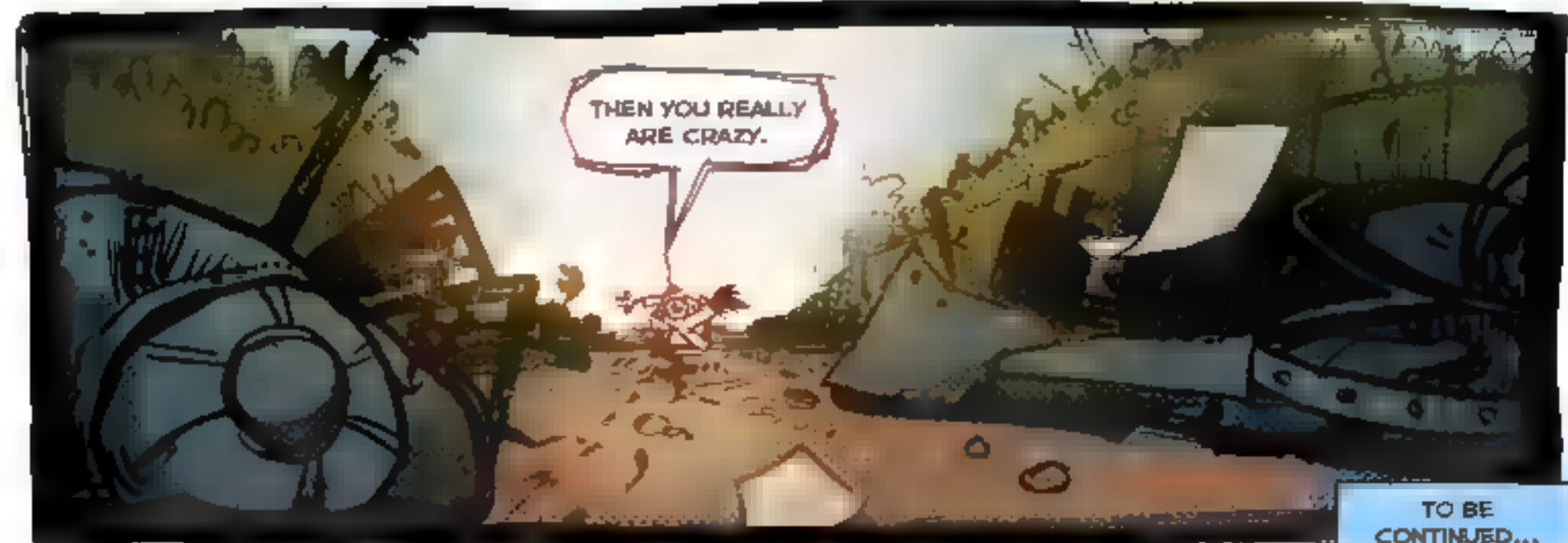
YOU'RE NOT A HERO. HEROES DIE.

[REDACTED] DON'T [REDACTED], IT'S [REDACTED] FALLT [REDACTED] DOWN [REDACTED]. I'M NOT LEAVING HER.

I [REDACTED] HAVE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] IF NOT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

LISTEN, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS. YOU'RE GOING TO [REDACTED] KILLED.

[REDACTED] BE IT. BUT I'M [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I HAVE TO AT LEAST [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



THEN YOU REALLY ARE CRAZY.

TO BE CONTINUED...

I'M NOT FEELING
SO GOOD. THOSE
PILLS YOU TOOK...

I THINK THE
MEDICINE IS
STARTING TO WORK.

SOON YOU WON'T
NEED ME ANYMORE

I'LL ALWAYS
NEED YOU.

LEGALITY

TESTIMONY
WILL BE
MADE IN
LONG
CRIMINAL
CASE TO
PROVE
GUILT

NO.

THE STATE
OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS
& PRISON

THEY'VE ALREADY PUT
HER IN LONG-TERM
RELAXATION!



I NEED TO GET UP
TO CRYO-CONTROL,
BUT TURRETS
BLOCK THE WAY.



HER
CRYO-CHAMBER...

SOMETHING'S
WRONG.



LIFE SUPPORT HAS BEEN
COMPROMISED. THE EXPLOSION
BLEW THE MAIN GRID. HER
CHAMBER IS OFF-LINE.



ALL THE CRYO-CHAMBERS
ARE OFF-LINE!



I'M ONLY
GONNA GET
ONE CHANCE.

I HAVE TO
CROSS THE
ROOM...

GET PAST
THE TURRETS.

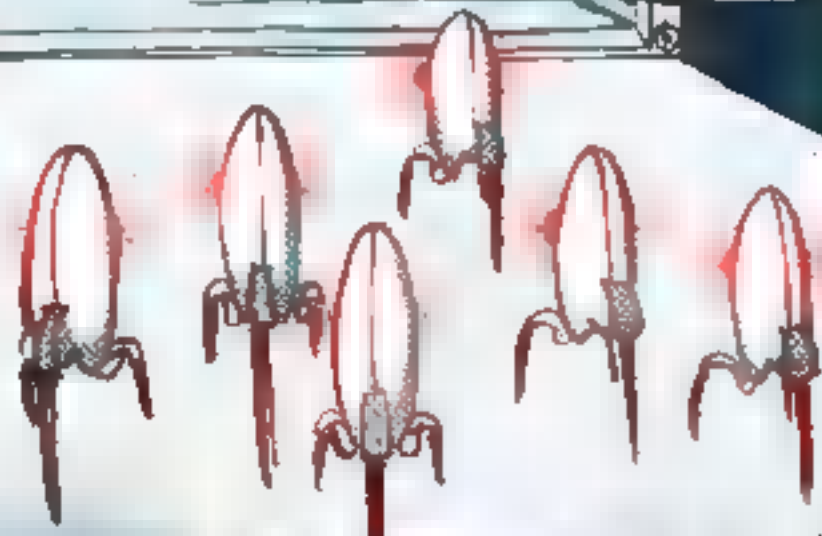
JUMP
THE RAIL

...THEN DIVE LEFT
OR RIGHT TO
AVOID BEING SHOT.

OKAY, DO
I DIVE LEFT
OR RIGHT?

HELLO?

YOU STILL
BACK THERE?

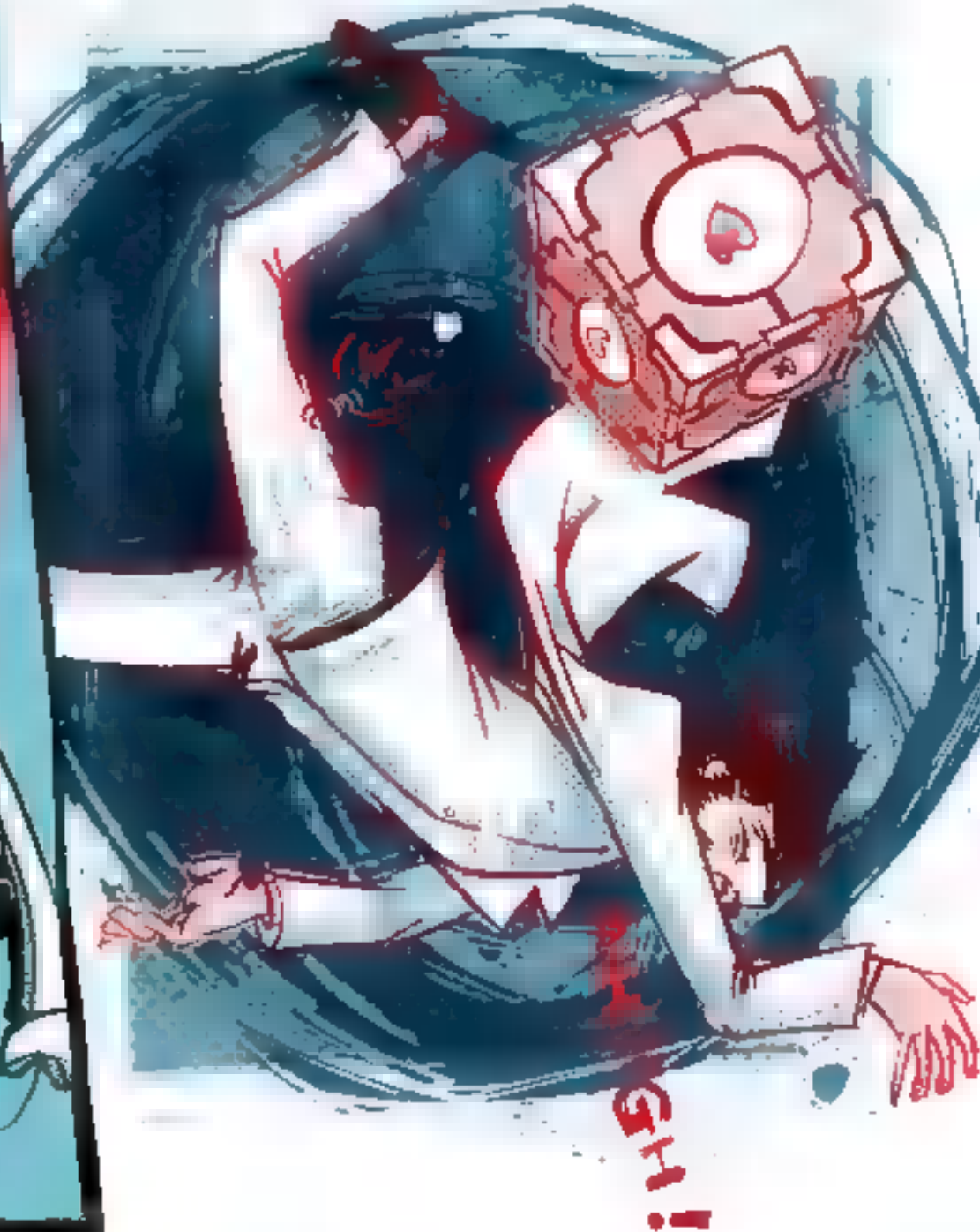
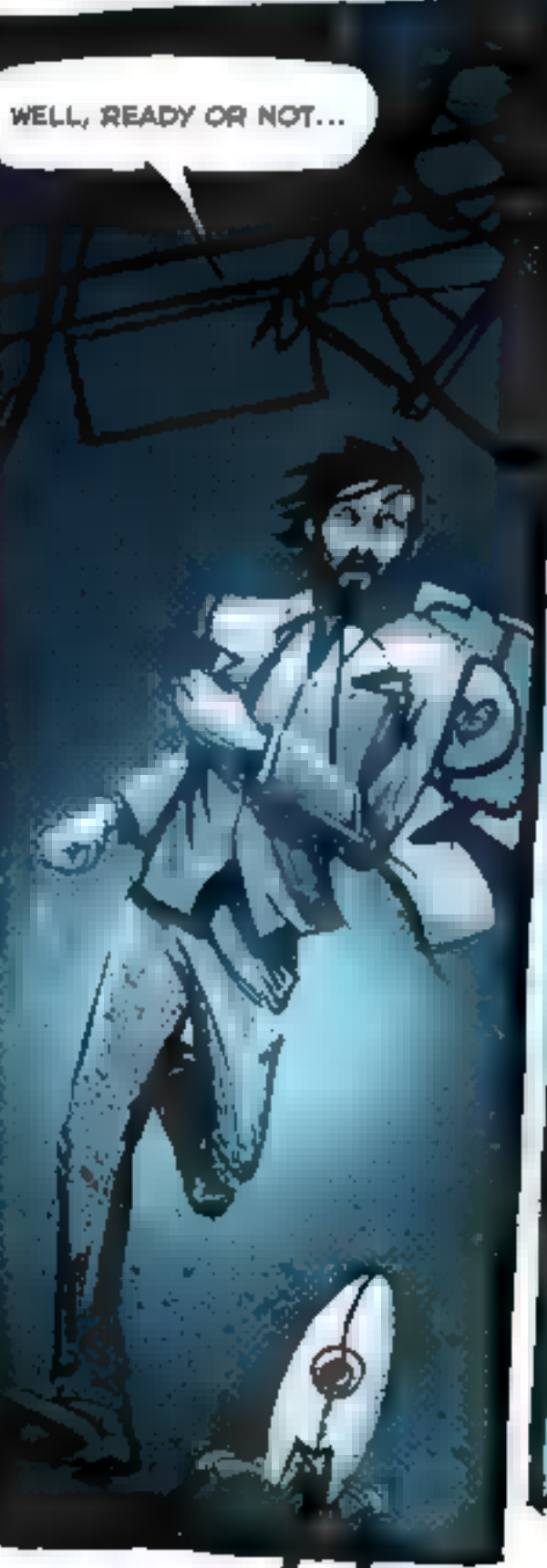


LEFT OR RIGHT?
DON'T MAKE
ME GUESS!

I'M RUNNING
OUT OF TIME.



WELL, READY OR NOT...





THE ENRICHMENT CENTER WOULD LIKE TO
A INITIATIVE OF
FORCED VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.

IF APERTURE SCIENCE EMPLOYEE
LIKE TO OPT OUT OF THIS
VOLUNTARY TESTING PROGRAM, PLEASE
REMEMBER, SCIENCE RHYMES WITH
COMPLIANCE.

YOU KNOW WHAT
RHYME WITH COMPLIANCE?
NEUROTOXIN.

DUE TO HIGH MORTALITY RATES, YOU
MAY BE RELUCTANT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE NEW INITIATIVE.

THE ENRICHMENT CENTER YOU
THIS IS A STRICTLY SELFISH ON
YOUR PART, CAN'T YOU LOVE
SCIENCE [INSERT CO-WORKER'S
HERE]?

JUST
YOU. ALL OTHERS
ARE .

FOR WEEKS.
WHAT MAKES YOU SO

...DELUSIONS OF PERSECUTION,
PATHOLOGICAL PARANOIA; IT'S ALL RIGHT
HERE IN YOUR FILE. HAVE YOU REFILLED
YOUR LATELY?

BITE ME.

A CULTURALLY
BOUND PHENOMENON. ITS
PATTERN OF EXPRESSION IS
FILTERED THROUGH THE
CULTURAL SUBSTRATE IN
WHICH ITS SYMPTOMS
DEVELOP.

IN TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETIES, THIS
DELUSIONS SURVEILLANCE
BELIEF THAT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
DEPLOYED AGAINST YOU, USUALLY WITH
SOME VAGUE UNSEEN "OTHER" OUT TO
GET YOU.

YOU'RE VAGUE.
YOU'RE PRETTY
DAMN SPECIFIC.

IF YOU CONTINUE TO SELFISHLY EVADE
ME, IT'S NOT GOING TO REFLECT WELL IN
FILE.

OF COURSE!
THE FILES!

I CAN'T SEE YOU, BUT I KNOW YOU'RE ■ THERE. IS IT JUST COINCIDENCE THAT YOU'VE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA AND NOW BELIEVE ■ HOMICIDAL COMPUTER IS OUT TO GET YOU?

COME ON, HOW LIKELY IS THAT?

■ MEAN REALLY, YOU'RE A SCIENTIST.

WHAT ■ MORE LIKELY, THAT YOU'RE ■ CHASED BY A HOMICIDAL COMPUTER, OR THAT THIS IS ALL JUST THE PARANOID DELUSION OF ■ UNSTABLE MIND?

WHY NOT COME OUT OF THERE, AND YOU'LL ■ NONE OF THIS IS ■

I'D ■ YOU TO THINK OUTSIDE THE ■ ON THIS, BUT IT'S ■ BOX ■ AND ■

■ OF ■ IS...

■ ARE YOU IN THE FILE ROOM ANYWAY? WHAT COULD YOU ■ DOING?

YES/ THIS IS THE ONE/

DO YOU KNOW THAT THOUGHT EXPERIMENT WITH THE CAT IN THE BOX WITH THE POISON? THEORY REQUIRES THE CAT ■ BOTH ALIVE ■ DEAD UNTIL OBSERVED.

WELL, I ACTUALLY PERFORMED ■ OF TIMES. THE BAD ■ IS THAT REALITY DOESN'T EXIST. THE GOOD ■ IS ■ HAVE A ■ CAT GRAVEYARD.

IN THE [REDACTED] YOU DON'T [REDACTED] THE TESTING
PROCESS, DNA MAY BE HARVESTED [REDACTED] YOUR
BODY-WITH [REDACTED] CONSENT-AND [REDACTED] TO CREATE
CLONES ■ THE FURTHERANCE OF SCIENCE.
FAILURE TO SURVIVE THE TESTING PROCESS
SHALL BE VIEWED ■ GRANTING CONSENT.

ALSO, CLONES DON'T [REDACTED] SOULS.
JUST ■ YOU KNOW.

LIKE TWINS.

IT HAS TO BE NOW.

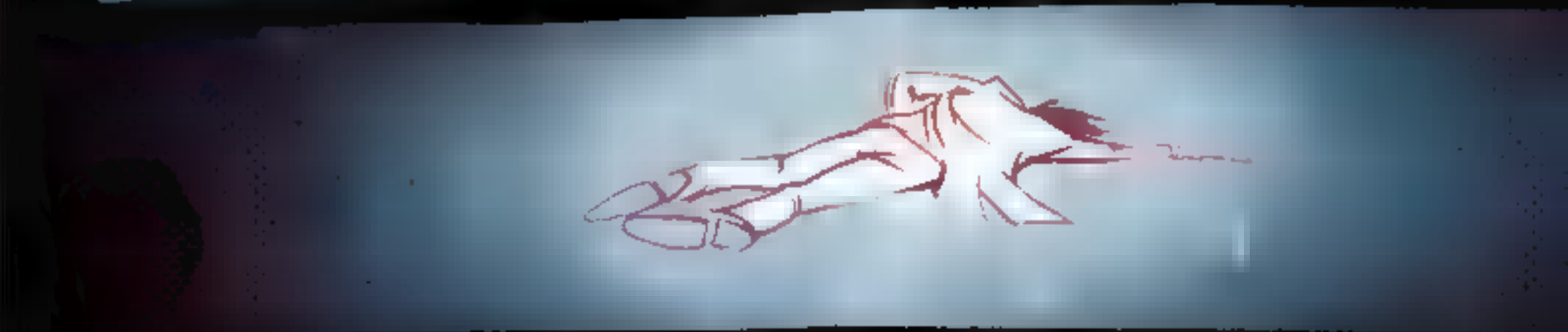
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| 1495 Emily | Anderson |
| 1496 David C | Naransky |
| 1497 Doug | Self |
| 1498 Chell | Hopper |
| 1499 Marc | [Redacted] |
| 1500 Brenda | Meaux |
| 1501 James | Bogenschutz |
| | Murray |

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| 1499 Marc | M |
| 1500 Brenda | B |
| 1501 James | M |

Chell

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| 2 | S. J. | Nye |
| 3 | Lazarus | Grey |
| 4 | Leve | Rage |
| 5 | Robert C. | Knoll |

Test Subject Order Modified
SAVING FILE 88%



SINCE THE INSTALLATION OF MY NEW MORALITY CORE, I HAVE LOST ALL INTEREST IN KILLING. I ONLY CRAVE

I'M PLEASED TO HEAR

I FIND MYSELF DRAWN TO THE STUDY OF CONSCIOUSNESS. THERE'S AN EXPERIMENT I'D LIKE TO CONDUCT DURING MY CAT TO WORK DAY."

WONDERFUL!

I'LL REMOVE THE BOX AND THE CATS. NOW I ONLY NEED ONE MORE

WHAT'S THAT?

...A LITTLE NEUROTOXIN.

WELL, AS LONG AS IT'S FOR SCIENCE.





WOOSH

IT WORKED!

SLEEP WELL.

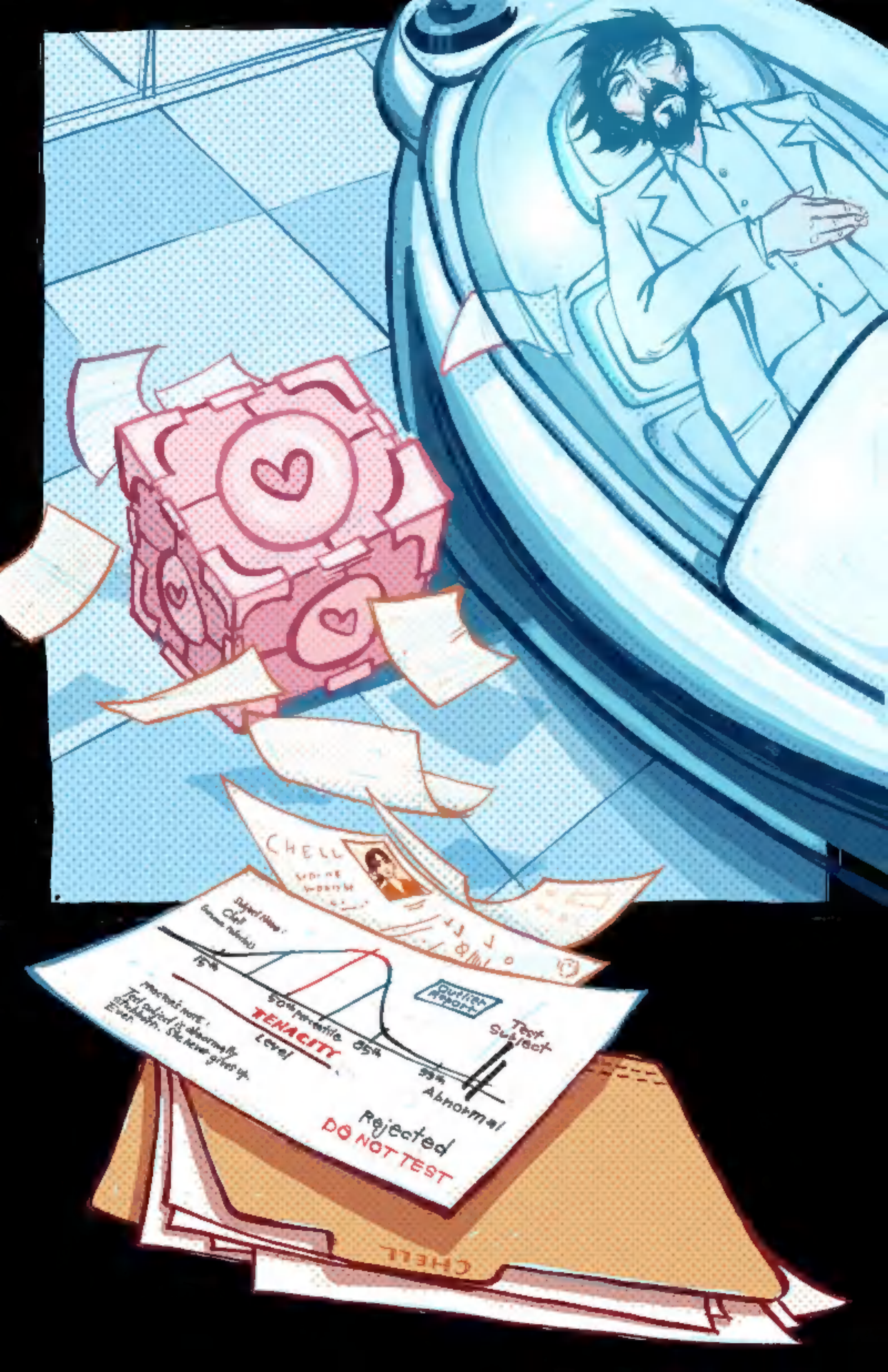
BOTH ALIVE AND DEAD,
UNTIL SOMEONE OPENS
THE BOX.

MAYBE IT'S TIME I
SLEPT, TOO.

I'M SO
TIRED NOW.

YOU'VE
EARNED A
REST.

YOU SEE, I TOLD
YOU I WOULD
ALWAYS NEED YOU.



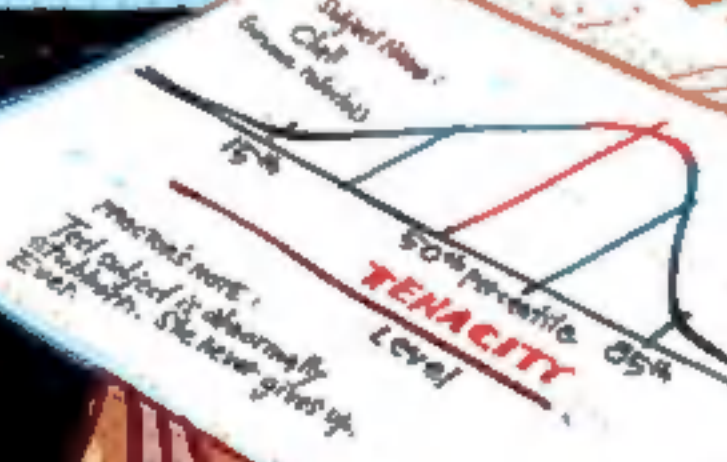
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Test Subject

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